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Officials Requests Local Notification of Indian Point Emergencies



State Reps. John W. Hetherington, R-125th, and Toni Boucher, R-143rd, and First Selectman Paul F. Hannah, Jr., of Wilton have called upon Entergy Nuclear Operations, the owner of the Indian Point nuclear power plant, to add the Town of Wilton to its emergency contact list.

Rep. Hetherington said the Indian Point power plant is located in Buchanan, New York, west of Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Rep. Hetherington said, "An emergency at the facility might involve a release of radiation and the evacuation of local residents. Southern Connecticut might well be impacted as displaced people attempted to escape."

He added, "The towns need to be alerted to handle the evacuation. All neighboring New York towns are on the list to be contacted. There would be no cost to Entergy to add Connecticut towns to the list."

Rep. Hetherington said, "The indifference to notifying Connecticut towns is unconscionable, when people lives may be at stake. This demonstrates the arrogance of the operator and makes it difficult for citizens to believe or support it."